

GTAAN Meeting Notes, "FASET & Change of Major Policy"

Student Center Peachtree Rm. • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • April 19th, 2017

❖ **Welcome & Introductions**, Wes Kirkbride, GTAAN President

- Introduction of 1st time GTAAN attendees
- Overview of GTAAN Exec Board; contact information available on website
- Fall 2017 Dates for the academic year - posted online
- Mark your Calendars: Best Practices June 26th at GTRI
- Next Event: Happy Hour April 27th at Cyprus Street Bar

❖ **Announcements**, *GTAAN & MATH*

- GTAAN Best Practice proposals extended to May 13th. Nominations are currently open for GTAAN voting will close April 21st. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Wes Kirkbride.
- MATH – All incoming students will be majoring in simply "MTH" and working on converting continuing majors to the new MTH degree; New minor starts Summer 2017. Continuing minors can also convert to the new MTH minor as well. If a student is considering CS/CM as a major, they definitely need to take MATH 1554 (4 credits). For change of majors to CS/CM students will need MATH 2802 in Spring 2018. Placement exams Friday before classes start (1551, 1552, & 1553). Advanced Standing Exam will not allow students who register longer than a week to test out of MATH courses.
- GTAAN Elections – nominees have been presented via email and voting closes April 21st, so please review and vote.

❖ **FASET**, *Larry Cloud & Cynthia Jennings*

- Two different listservs for information shared by NSSP: Academic Advising & General Advising. Sign up today.
- FASET dates were sent out in December and are posted. Summer transfer students are able to register now for FASET; 1st Year FASET registration is May 17th & Fall Transfer FASET registration is May 23rd.
- Larry will send schedule for each FASET so that advisors are informed of the schedule. Transfer students will have registration groups like first year student time tickets for registration. Check the campus FASET page for staff.

- *Important Updates*
 - i. Start Date for Summer First-Year FASET: June 21st, 2017
 - ii. Change of Major Policy – Admissions & Registrar's Office
 - 1. Both offices will meet after deposit date to address concerns from parents, advising, departments, etc. to establish a policy for walk-up changes
 - iii. Registration Location: Clough Rm. 152
 - iv. FASET Registration system was updated and will open May 17th @ 10 am
 - 1. Larry will send reports as requested, but please access the system when it's available by the new software
- FASET Assessment – Please ask students to complete the survey as numbers have dropped since moved to satellite registration and the use of personal laptops. Larry and Cynthia will send the link every time they dismiss students.
- NSSP does have space available if departments need a space for advising during FASET
- FASET Overview Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th 3pm in 117 Flag Bldg.
- Summer Freshmen will have a mini-Phase I after all AP scores are updated by the Registrar. Dates will be sent out by Lou Ocasio.
- Questions:
 - i. Providing students with a time ticket sheet so they know when their group registers
 - ii. Option to have individual major FASET sessions – will address in the future
 - iii. Is there a cap on each session for incoming students? Yes, still to address major numbers
 - iv. Non-attendees communication – Larry is creating a PDF for what to do if they cannot attend FASETs
 - v. There is a waitlist for financial burden – have students contact NSSP for assistance. Is it possible to receive a list of students who choose not to attend FASET.
 - vi. AP & IB scores – students receive at least five reminders
 - vii. Follow GT@NSSP on Twitter & Facebook for social media tap-in as communication is flowing

❖ Change of Major Policy, *Rita Pikowsky, Steven Giradot, & Rick Clark*

- New Policy: Incoming students cannot change their major until the withdrawal date in Fall 2017; Current exception is Neuroscience as a new major
 - i. Policy was approved a year ago and all incoming students were informed at application and in multiple emails to both students and parents; Registrar and Admissions website both have statements posted
- Rationale for the policy change is to help students understand their curriculum and to also allow for the smaller majors to retain their students, as well as make Tech long-term approach stronger.
- College of Design has asked for permission to allow exception for intro design course
- One concern is that persistent parents and students will show up to intended major at FASET
 - i. All 6 Deans and Administration want to give the policy a chance this year, so please do not have off-line meetings or exceptions made even under the best of intentions. School Chairs and Deans should communicate with departments as such.
 - ii. Students and parents should attend the declared major information session but not the intended
 - iii. Do not have the FASET student leaders be the face of this policy update
- During the May 1st meeting, please consider the students who have more than the avg. 8-10 AP/IB credits when discussing the 1st year student impact, so that those students with dual enrollment credits or 55+ hours have options.
- Note for Beth – consider all majors reviewing where they post prerequisites and courses for incoming students so that we can have a centralized PDF or spreadsheet.

❖ **Wrap-up**, Wes Kirkbride

- Survey Monkey will be sent for attendees to give GTAAN feedback – check email tomorrow.
- GTAAN Happy Hour– April 27th @ Cyprus Street Bar 4:00 pm